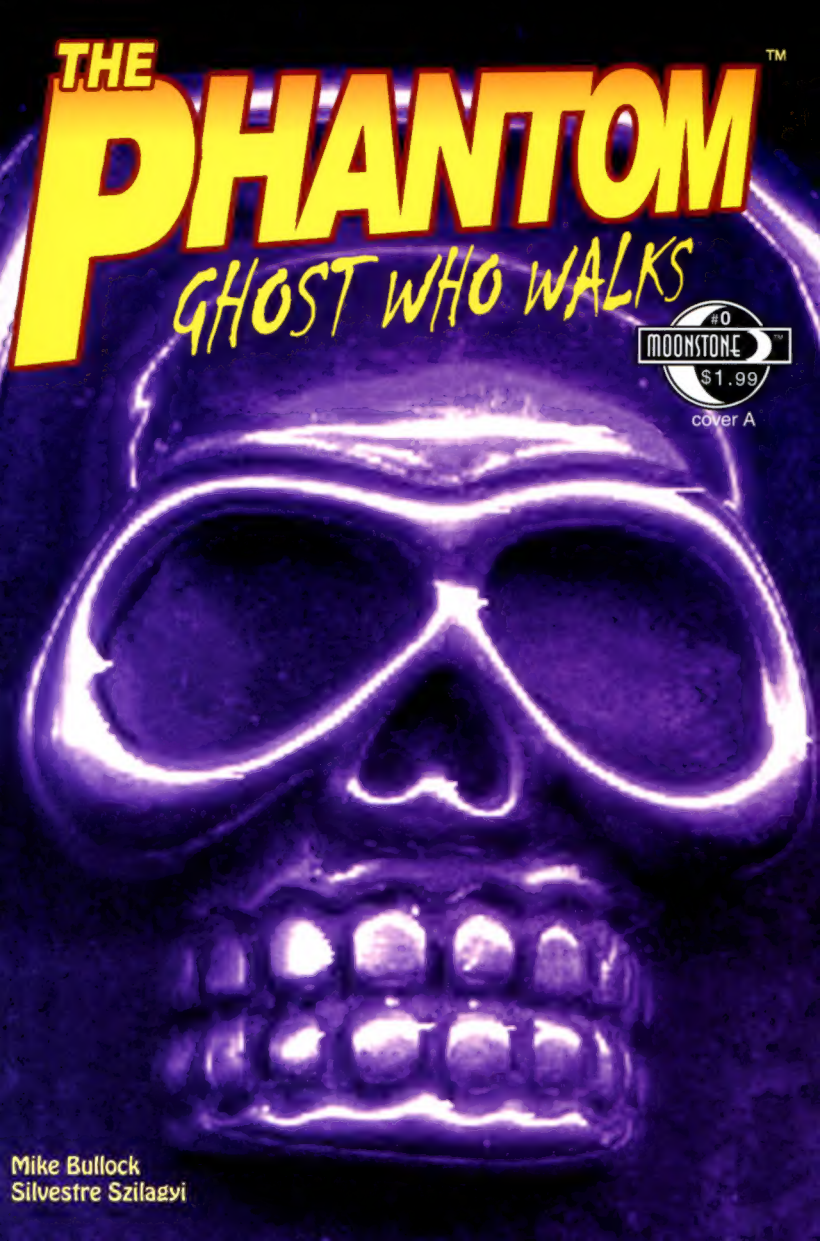
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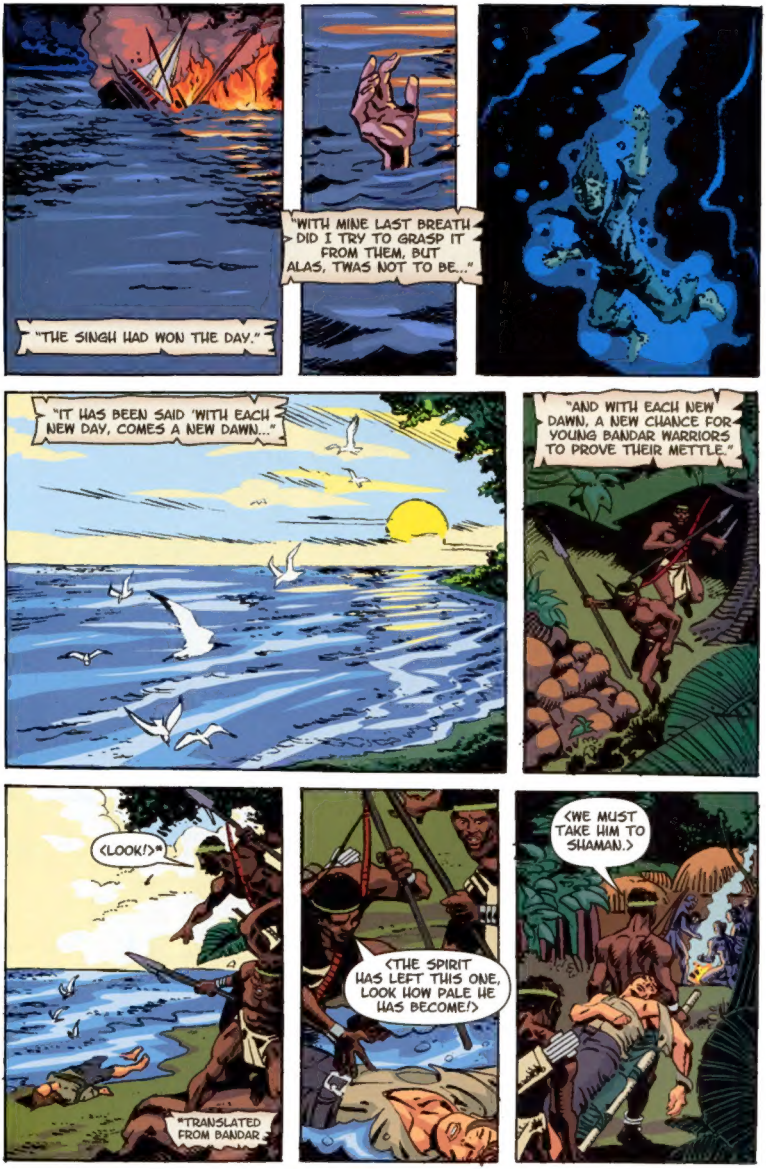
FROM THE CHRONICLES OF THE FIRST PHANTOM.
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, FIFTEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY ONE, OF THE COAST OFF AFRICA.
"TWOULD SEEM THE VERY STARS THEMSELVES DIDST GUIDE US TO THAT FATEFUL PLACE."
"WRIT IN THE VERY STARS THEMSELVES, OUR FATES WERE BY OUR DIVINE LORD."
"WITH VIOLENCE MOST SHATTERING DIDST OUR ENEMY ANNOUNCE THEIR PRESENCE!"
"BEARING DOWN 'PON US LIKE A NIGHTMARE INVADING OUR PEACEFUL SLUMBER."
"TWAS THEN THAT I FIRST SPIED THE COUNTENANCE OF EVIL ITSELF - KABAI SINGH!"

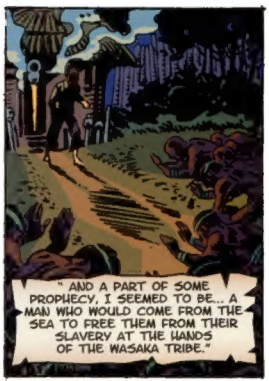
"RAM US, SHE DID, WITH A FORCE DRAWN UP FROM THE DEPTHS OF HADES."
"LIKE A HORDE OF DEMONS UNLEASHED, DIDST THEY SPILL 'PON OUR DECKS."
"AND THE BATTLE WAS JOINED."
"OUR MEN, HOWEVER, WERE NO MATCH FOR THE RAVENOUS SINGH PIRATES."
"AND SOON, ONLY MY FATHER DIDST STILL STAND 'GAINST THEM."
"BUT E'EN A MAN, MIGHTY AS HE, STOOD NO CHANCE AGAINST THOSE MADMEN."
"FOR THAT MOMENT, TIME ITSELF STOOD STILL-"
"TIL THE BLOOD RUSHING IN MINE EARS DID WASH OVER MINE EYES!"
MURDERER!
"HOWEVER, THE LORD HIMSELF DID NOT SEE FIT TO GRANT ME REVENGE THAT DAY."
WABABOOM


"THE SINGH HAD WON THE DAY."
"WITH MINE LAST BREATH DID I TRY TO GRASP IT FROM THEM, BUT ALAS, TWAS NOT TO BE..."
"IT HAS BEEN SAID 'WITH EACH NEW DAY, COMES A NEW DAWN...'"
"AND WITH EACH NEW DAWN, A NEW CHANCE FOR YOUNG BANDAR WARRIORS TO PROVE THEIR METTLE."
<LOOK!>*
*TRANSLATED FROM BANDAR
<THE SPIRIT HAS LEFT THIS ONE, LOOK HOW PALE HE HAS BECOME!>
<WE MUST TAKE HIM TO SHAMAN.>
BAM

"I REMEMBER NOT WHAT STRANGE RITUALS WERE PERFORMED 'PON ME THAT DAY."

"FOR DEATH AND I WERE BECOMING WELL ACQUAINTED."
FAN-TUM!

"I HAD NO RECOLLECTION OF HOW I DIDST COME TO THIS STRANGEST OF PLACES, BUT ALIVE I WAS..."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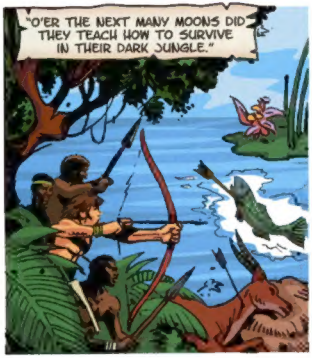

"O'ER THE NEXT MANY MOONS DID THEY TEACH HOW TO SURVIVE IN THEIR DARK JUNGLE."

"WHILE SOME CALLED THEM UNCIVILIZED, THEIR CHIEF, TURAN AND HIS SON, SURAN, HAD A SACRED BOND LIKE THAT OF MY FATHER AND I..."

"AGAIN, THEY TOLD ME OF THE PROPHECY THEY BELIEVED I WAS TO FULFILL, BUT WHO WAS I, BUT A MERE CABIN BOY WITHOUT A CABIN, A BOY WITHOUT A HOME."

<TURAN! TURAN! SURAN HAS BEEN CAPTURED BY THE WASAKA!>

<YOU MUST GO AND BRING ME BACK MY SON, NO MATTER THE COST!>

"AS A MAN WITH NO FATHER, MY HEART GAVE ME NO CHOICE BUT TO HELP THIS KIND CHIEF WHO HAD LOST HIS SON."

"TWAS DIVINE THAT OUR PREY HAD LEFT AN EASY TRAIL TO FOLLOW."

"BUT ONCE 'PON THAT BEACH WE DID ARRIVE, WHAT AWAITED US WAS NOT EVIDENCE OF TURAN'S LOSS, BUT OF MINE!"

"TWAS THE VERY PIRATE WHO HAD TAKEN MINE FATHER'S LIFE!"

"'PON HIS SKULL, HELD ALOFT SO THAT THE HOSTS OF HEAVEN WOULD HEAR MY CRIES, A SACRED OATH I DID SWEAR!"
I SWEAR TO DEVOTE MY LIFE TO THE DESTRUCTION OF PIRACY, GREED, CRUELTY AND INJUSTICE!

"RETURN TO TURAN WE DID, EMPTY-HANDED, BUT NOT WITHOUT THE KEY TO VICTORY."
"WE WOULD USE THIS PLAN TO NOT ONLY FREE SURAN, BUT ALL OF THE BANDAR FROM THE GRIP OF THE WASAKA!"
"FOR, THE VERY PROPHECY THE BANDAR SPOKE OF, THE WASAKA LIVED BY, AT THE ORDERS OF THEIR GOD, KUA THE UNDYING!"
"WITH BLOWGUNS, I'D SHOWN THEM HOW TO EMPLOY, THE WASAKA SENTRIES WERE PICKED OFF ONE-BY-ONE."
"AND IN THEIR VILLAGE PROPER, DID I ARISE, AS THE SPECTER OF KUA HIMSELF, RETURNED FROM THE LAND OF DEATH, JUST AS I HAD."
"TO THEIR CHIEFTAIN, THIS WAS BLASPHEMY MOST FOUL."
"UNHINGED HE BECAME LIKE A MAN POSSESSED."
"BUT MINE FATHER HAD TAUGHT ME WELL."
"ALWAYS LET YOUR MIND GUIDE YOUR BATTLES."
CRACK

"ONCE DEFEATED, THEIR CHIEFTAIN'S AUTHORITY FELL TO ME, WHOM THEY BELIEVED WAS THEIR GOD, KUA."
"I DEMANDED THE RELEASE OF THE BANDAR PRISONERS AND FORBADE THE WASAKA FROM EVER AGAIN PRACTICING SLAVERY."

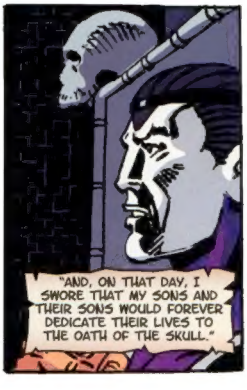
"TWAS THE MOST JOYOUS DAY I HAD E'ER SEEN IN THE BANDAR VILLAGE."

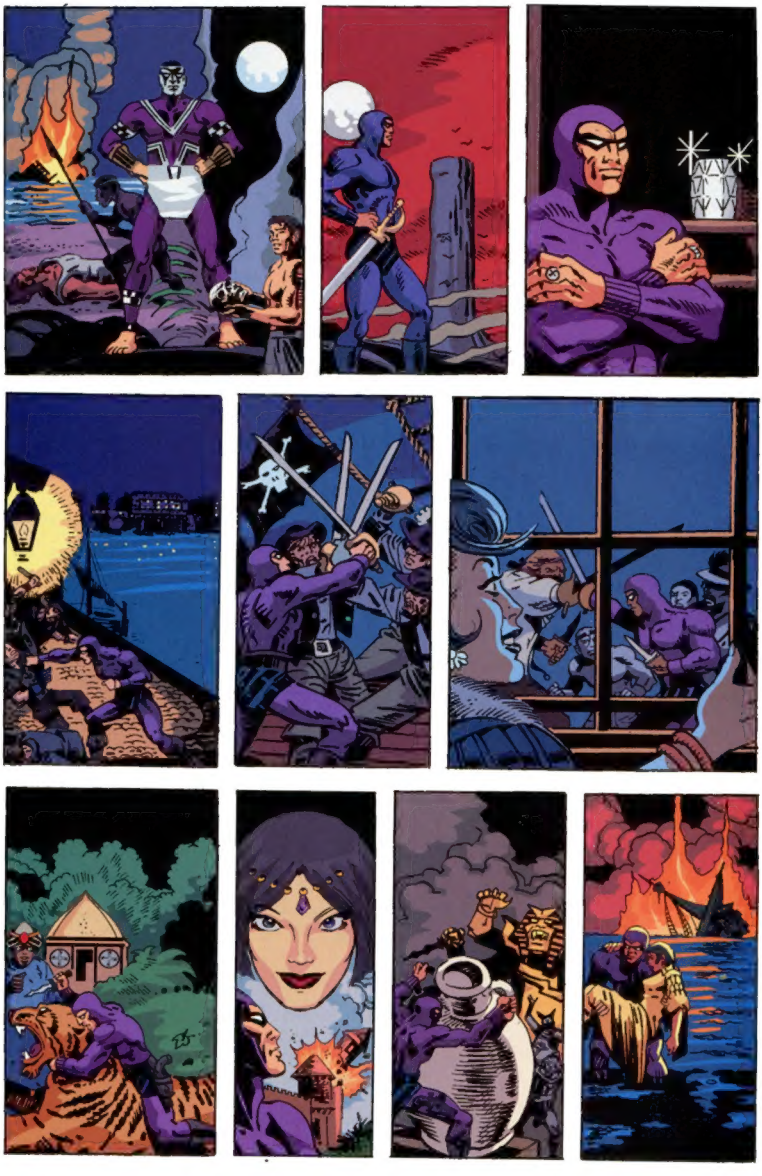
"FOR MINE PART, TURAN DID BEQUEATH ME WITH TWO SACRED RINGS."

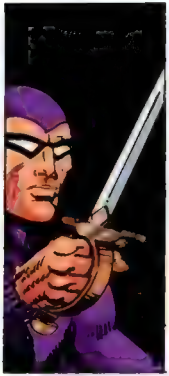
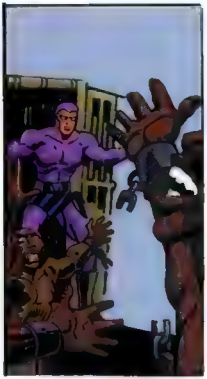
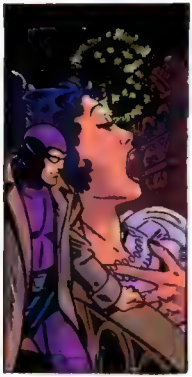
"I WOULD LATER LEARN THEY WERE FORGED FROM THE VERY NAILS THAT HELD MY SAVIOR TO THE CROSS..."

"TOOK ME, THEY DID, TO THE CAVE WHERE THESE RINGS WERE FORGED."

"INSIDE OF WHICH, A SKULL THRONE DID AWAIT THE GUARDIAN OF THEIR FREEDOM."


"AND, ON THAT DAY, I SWORE THAT MY SONS AND THEIR SONS WOULD FOREVER DEDICATE THEIR LIVES TO THE OATH OF THE SKULL."



IN THE JUNGLE, THERE IS A MAN WHOSE VERY NAME STRIKES TERROR IN THE HEARTS OF EVILDOERS. THAT NAME IS...
THE PHANTOM
To Be Continued...

The Phantom (21st)

NAME: The Phantom

ALIAS: Mr. Kit Walker
The Ghost Who Walks
The Man Who Cannot Die
Guardian of the Eastern Dark

HEIGHT: 6' 4" **WEIGHT:** 220 lbs

EYES: Blue **HAIR:** Brown

CITIZENSHIP: Bangallan

PLACE OF BIRTH: Bangalla

KNOWN RELATIVES: Diana Palmer-Walker, Kit & Heloise Walker, Aunt Bessie, Uncle Ephraim

GROUP AFFILIATION: The Jungle Patrol

EDUCATION: College Degree

FIRST APPEARANCE:
The Singh Brotherhood,
newspaper story 2/21/1936

HISTORY: Born in the skull cave, the child's first word was "Phantom." Tutored in reading, writing, and math by his beautiful mother Maude, he learned the ways of the jungle from his father and Bandar pygmy warriors. At the age of 12, he was sent to the United States to live with his mother's sister, Bessie and her husband, Ephraim while he attended grade school and college.

After a challenging adjustment to life away from the jungle, he found success in academics. He also made great achievements in sporting activities, setting school records and lettering in four sports.

While in college, he knocked out the world heavyweight boxing champion in an exhibition match and was sought after by scouts to enter the sports world as a professional.

Suddenly, his father was mortally wounded and he was called back to the jungle to become the next Phantom in an unbroken line of more than four hundred years.

SKILLS: Olympic level gymnast, martial artist, boxer, animal trainer. Genius level intelligence.

WEAPONS: Skull Ring which leaves an indelible mark permanently on the recipient of one of the Phantom's punches, Two Model 1911 .45 pistols, dagger hidden in his boot.

Diana Palmer-Walker

NAME: Diana Palmer-Walker

HEIGHT: 5′ 8″

WEIGHT: 125lbs

EYES: Blue

HAIR: Brown

OCCUPATION: UN Diplomat

CITIZENSHIP: Bangallan

PLACE OF BIRTH: Clarksville, USA

NATIONALITY: American

KNOWN RELATIVES: The Phantom, Kit & Heloise Walker (Children), Lily Palmer (Mother), Uncle Dave Palmer

GROUP AFFILIATION: United Nations

EDUCATION: College Degree

FIRST APPEARANCE: The Singh Brotherhood, newspaper story 2/17/1936

HISTORY: Diana is the wife and longtime companion of the Phantom. They first met as children when he had run away from his mother's sister's home after a brief stay in the US. They met again years later when he saved her from a panther that escaped from the zoo. And again when he was in college.

After their third encounter, he left hurriedly because of his father being mortally wounded. They didn't meet again until he was the Phantom and rescued her from kidnappers.

Born into a wealthy family, she was raised by her mother Lily and her uncle Dave. Her father died during her youth.

After a courtship, she married the Phantom and bore twins in the Skull Cave where, traditionally, the Phantoms' children have been born.

SKILLS: Like the Phantom, she is a natural athlete, a talented tennis player, a world-class swimmer and Olympic gold medal diver. Diana has a black belt in martial arts, is a skillful boxer as well as a competitive fencer.

Diana learned to become a paramedic and joined a UN health team with Dr. Lamada Luaga. She later took a job working for UN, championing human rights

GURAN

NAME: Guran

HEIGHT: 4' 1"

WEIGHT: 131lbs

EYES: Brown

HAIR: Brown

OCCUPATION: Bandar Chief

CITIZENSHIP: Bangallan

PLACE OF BIRTH: The Deep Woods, Bangalla

KNOWN RELATIVES: Timo (son)

GROUP AFFILIATION: Bandar

EDUCATION: Guran was educated by his Father and Grandfather

FIRST APPEARANCE: *The Singh Brotherhood* Newspaper story 8/10/1936

HISTORY: Guran is the Phantom's closest friend and confidant. He is ten years older than the Phantom and the chief of the Bandar pygmy tribe. He is an expert with both medicines and poisons.

When the Phantom was a child of 12, Guran, then a brave young warrior, was chosen by the Phantom's father to teach, Kit, the young Phantom-to-be jungle skills. He acted as Kit's bodyguard when he accompanied him to the US, where Kit was sent for an education. When Kit settled in to his life in America, Guran returned home to the Deep Woods of Bangalla.

Guran gives the Phantom guidance and wisdom.

SKILLS: Guran is the recipient of generation after generation of botanical knowledge passed down from his father and his father's father for centuries. As such, he's now the world's foremost leading expert in flora-chemical composition. His vast knowledge of the roots, berries, leaves and other vegetation enables him to concoct elixirs, antidotes, poisons and various other chemical compounds to suit a wide variety of situations.

CHANE

NAME: Chane

ALIAS: Chane Gang (Hacker name)

HEIGHT: 5' 7"

WEIGHT: 155lbs

EYES: Brown

HAIR: Brown

OCCUPATION: Hacker

CITIZENSHIP: Bangallan

PLACE OF BIRTH: The Deep Woods, Bangalla

KNOWN RELATIVES: Old Man Mozz (grandfather)

GROUP AFFILIATION: None

EDUCATION: College Degree

FIRST APPEARANCE:
Phantom: Ghost Who Walks #2

HISTORY: Chane left Bangalla at the age of fourteen to pursue a career as a computer programmer. Wide-eyed and innocent, his idealistic views of the world were soon crushed when he stumbled into a ring of hackers who were employed in corporate espionage. The innocent son of the Bandar soon learned that the world didn't value honor, only greed. Seeing the money being made by adults who were far less skilled than he, Chane entered the world of hacking with the idea that he would take the income he earned and use it for those in Africa who had no other means of bettering their lives. He soon became a self-styled computer 'Robin Hood', taking money from power hungry organizations and funneling it to charities that benefited the African lower classes.

The Phantom encountered Chane when he was seventeen for the first time in years, at which point Chane offered to help The Phantom whenever necessary.

SKILLS: Chane is fluent in nearly every computer language in existence. He and another hacker, simply known as "Hoshi", are renowned at being the two fastest hackers on Earth, able to breach any computer security system, no matter how sophisticated, in a fraction of the time an average professional hacker would need.

Chane is also skilled in various technical aspects of modern life. He's using this knowledge to avail the Phantom of all that twenty-first century technology has to offer, including updating the Skull Cave's radio room with modern hi-speed internet, and satellite phone capabilities.

DEVIL

Devil is a huge, gray mountain wolf and loyal companion who travels around the world with The Phantom. He has been shot and wounded in the line of duty and has saved The Phantom's life more than once. Devil is ferocious, intelligent, affectionate and obedient.

Hero and Devil work together in tandem.

HERO

Hero, The Phantom's magnificent horse was a race horse owned by the Maharaja of Nimpore. The Phantom borrowed "Royal Hero" to rescue Princess Lakania and the princess' grateful father bestowed the steed as a gift to The Phantom who named him simply *Hero.*

Hero was once stolen and proved to be a legendary race horse.

KAMIL KAZI

NAME: Kamil Kazi

HEIGHT: 6' 5" **WEIGHT:** 205lbs

EYES: Brown **HAIR:** Brown

OCCUPATION: Unknown

CITIZENSHIP: Iranian

PLACE OF BIRTH: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

KNOWN RELATIVES: None

GROUP AFFILIATION: Al Shihab

EDUCATION: Unknown

FIRST APPEARANCE:
Phantom: Ghost Who Walks #1

HISTORY: Ex-communicated Saudi Arabian Prince and leader of the underground terrorist group, Al Shihab, Kazi was stripped of his birthright and ejected from the country due to his radical political ideas and hard line stance on outsiders.

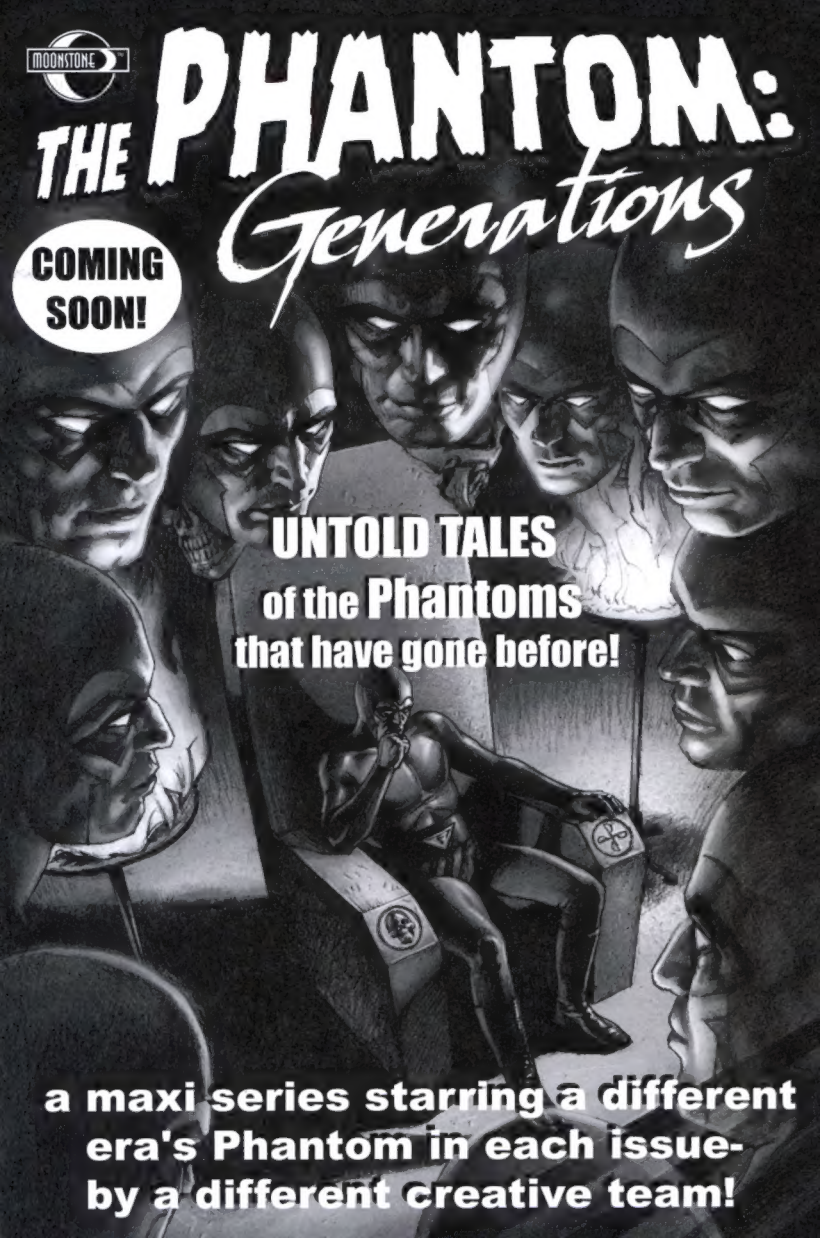
By appealing to the downtrodden young men in impoverished areas, Kazi has created an underground army of soldiers, who have embraced his promise of paradise that will be created once Al Shihab has toppled modern civilization. In impoverished areas, Kazi is seen as a prophet who brings with him the promise of eternal salvation.

Al Shihab (The Flame), believes our world is hell itself. Their creed espouses genocide: Before positive change can be effected, a cleansing must take place, one that would mean the end of life for nearly ninety-five percent of the earth's population. This would then enable Al Shihab to repopulate the world with people who adhere to their strict religious beliefs.

He was nicknamed *Kamikaze* by western intelligence groups due to his penchant for suicide attacks.

SKILLS: Kazi possesses a genius level IQ, in addition to being highly charismatic and persuasive. He is well trained in military tactics and strategy, including both conventional and guerilla warfare.

Kazi has the innate ability to quickly understand what a person fears most, and use that to motivate them to join his movement. This skill has served him well in both upper class and impoverished settings. His personal worth is rumored to exceed one hundred million dollars.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